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Fm The Senior Surgeon.
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States that when a new hospital is built it may be appropriate to change the designation and that the proposal may, therefore be deferred till then.

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FILE HEADING.

Proposal to change the name of "Lunatic Asylum" to "Mental Hospital".

From

The offg. Senior Surgeon.

No. C.1941-1 Dated 5.4.21. Received 7.4.21.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copy of letter No. 867 of 3rd instt. from the Supdt, Lunatic Asylum, Bangalore, and recommends that the name of the Institution may be changed to "Mental Hospital".

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted for orders.

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2) How are similar institutions named in British India?

3) In Madras & Bombay, these institutions are named "Lunatic Asylum". Vide Flags 3 & 4 put up. 8/4/21.

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4) If a change is thought desirable, "Mental Diseases Hospital" would perhaps be more suitable than "Mental Hospital".

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5) When a new hospital is built it may then be appropriate to change the name. The proposal may be deferred

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6) Draft accordingly

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2 To the Senior Surgeon
No. 19609 D/20-4-21
States that the question may be deferred for the present.

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No. C 1941-1 Gen 2. Office of the Senior Surgeon in Mysore,

Bangalore, 26th March 1921.

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FROM

The Senior Surgeon with the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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TO

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
BANGALORE.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
7 APR 1921

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed copy of letter No.867 dated 3rd instant, from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Bangalore, together with a copy of its enclosure, I have the honour to recommend that the name of the Institution Viz., Lunatic Asylum, may be changed to "Mental Hospital"

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. B. Mylvaganam

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OFFG. SENIOR SURGEON.

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Letter No.867 dated 3rd March 1921, from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Bangalore, to the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, Bangalore,

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In submitting the enclosed for your kind perusal, I have the honour to bring to your kind notice that ever since I took over charge of the Asylum, I have had so many instances where people have been in dread of getting their relatives or friends mentally deranged admitted in this Asylum for treatment, the chief objection in every instance was the name "Lunatic Asylum", which undoubtedly jars on ones whole being.

As stated in the enclosed note the expression is certainly old fashioned and I venture to add that it has a stigma. With the hope, Sir, that during your regime you will be pleased to free this institution from its present reprovoachful appellation and raise it to the status and dignity of a mental hospital, I am writting this letter to you. The public will undoubtedly appreciate this change, the admission of the mentally applicts in that case, will not be as it is now in many cases as an unavoidable procedure in the last stages of the disease when nothing more can be done, but at quite an earlier stage of the disease when the patient can be benefitted by treatment and thereby the institution can also impress its worth and value and justify its existence.

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" COPY "

H.B. Mylvaganam

B.V.A. OFFG. SENIOR SURGEON.

Note taken from Indian Medical Gazette March 1917.

" MENTAL DISEASES "

The new mental diseases Act of 1916 in the Union of South Africa is of considerable interest. We note that the old-fashioned expressions "Asylum", "Lunatic", "Insanity", are abolished and the terms "Mental Hospital", "Patient", "Mental disorders" are used in their place - facts which should help the public to a more modern conception regarding mental disease.

Patients are classified as follows:-

Class I. - Persons suffering from mental disorder - This group includes all patients suffering from acute mental illness which is acquired and not congenital. It also includes those recurrent or chronic disorders - like mania, depressive mental disorder and paranoia - which do not show marked symptoms of dementea or mental decay.

Class II. - Persons mentally infirm - This group includes all persons suffering from the dementia group of the psychoses of old age.

Class III. - Idiots - These are sufficiently defined in the Act as perons so defective in mind from birth or from an early age, as to be unable to guard themselves against common danger.

Class IV. - Imbeciles - Are also sufficiently defined as persons in whose cases there exists from birth or from an early age mental defectiveness not amounting to idiocy and who, although capable of guarding themselves against common dangers &c.,

Class V. - Feeble-minded persons - These are defined in the Act as persons in whose cases there exists from birth or

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Signed by Mr DCS

To

The offg. ~~Surg. Genl.~~ Senior Surgeon,

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. C.1961-, dated the 5th April 1921, suggesting that the name of the Lunatic Asylum may be changed to "Mental Hospital," I am directed to state that the proposal may therefore be deferred. till then ~~a new hospital is built~~.

that when a new hospital is built, it may be appropriate to change the designation ~~& that~~

I have &c.

DCS 14/4/21.
For Rev. Secy.

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